- the right to seek redressal against unfair trade practices or restrictive trade practices or unscrupulous exploitation of consumers; and
- the right to consumer education.

Stolen Foodgrains from FCI

†2607. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains that had been stolen from the godowns and stores of the Food Corporation of India during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have investigated all the cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the officers found responsible for the theft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The quantity of foodgrains stolen from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India during the last three years are as under:

Year	No. of cases	Appx. Quantity (In MTs)
2000-01	48	263.6
2001-02	88	235.5
2002-03	57	169.7

(b) to (d) FIRs with the police authorities were lodged in all such cases. Apart from this, departmental investigations are also conducted. Wherever specific cases of misappropriations/irregularities are noticed, appropriated disciplinary action is initiated against the delinquent officials.

As a result of the police investigations, in 4 cases, the culprits were caught and the stolen foodgrains stock were recovered partly/ fully.

In 10 cases, the recovery of loss suffered was also effected from the agencies/authorities providing security to FCI stocks.

As a result of departmental investigations, action was initiated against 59 officials and penalities imposed.

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